[28th August 1926

*Utilization of taxes collected by the President of the Village Panchayat, Therkupatti.*

*2395 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the actual amount collected from the villagers by the President of the Village Panchayat at Therkupatti in Tinnevelly taluk from the date of formation of the panchayat up to this date;

(b) how much of the amount has been utilized for the benefit of the villagers and in what ways; and

(c) whether the balance of the amount has been deposited by the President of the Village Panchayat of Therkupatti in any local Post Office Savings Bank (as required by rules) or at least lodged in any bank or in the local Co-operative Society with the Registrar-General's approval and, if not, why not; and whether it is a fact that the President has been keeping with him the panchayat funds unauthorizedly and, if so, how long?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to his question No. 2393.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 1660 answered in the Council on 19th March 1926. The funds of the Panchayat are in the custody of its President.

## Criminal Justice.

*Alleged arrest of two bailiffs of the Madras Small Causes Court.*

*2396 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 4th May 1926 two bailiffs of the Madras Small Causes Court were obstructed near the Body-guard Lines in Mount Road by the driver of a bullock cart which they attached in execution of a warrant and, on a fight ensuing between them, the bailiffs were arrested by police constable No. 81 and another; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take against the police constables in question?

A.—(a) On the 4th May 1926 two bailiffs of the Court of Small Causes applied to the Triplicane Police for assistance in distraining a cart. A constable (No. 1106) was accordingly sent. This constable and another constable (No. 81) who was on beat checking duty on Body-guard Road found the bailiffs, the carter and a number of persons near the Willingdon Bridge. The carter refused to go with the baliffs. The men who were with the bailiffs complained that they were assaulted by the carter. Thereupon the constables (Nos. 81 and 1106) produced the parties at D-1 Police station and, after making an entry of the facts in the Station General Diary, persuaded the